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## Some Results of Late Legislation.

The late territorial legislature, if it were still in session, would find some embarrassment in considering the report of the Pinal county grand jury, published in The Republican of Sunday. The legislature, controlled by democratic politicians, and operated most of the time for supposed partisan advantage, abolished the office of public examiner and abolished the force of territorial rangers.

The public examiner was a traveling auditor of the several counties. By keeping close watch on the fiscal affairs of each county, by keeping a constant check on all disbursing officers, and by frequent conferences with county officers, and by forcing the collection or return of money which belonged in the county treasuries, he added to the public funds each year many thousands of dollars, the expense of maintaining his office being trivial in comparison. Moreover, during the time that we had a public examiner there were no defaulters in county officers. Immediately prior to the creation of the office of public examiner there had been several cases of embezzlement, the sums stolen in one or two cases being so large that the losses to the taxpayers were most serious. To be sure, no defaulters might have occurred if there had been no public examiner during the period of that officer's activities, but his vigilant scrutiny of public accounts gave the people a feeling of security—and, as already pointed-out, the funds recovered amounted to a large profit on the expense of the office.

As to the territorial rangers, the legislature had this much of an excuse for abolishing the force—in some counties they apparently were not needed. In other counties, however, they were needed constantly. They made scores of arrests for felonies, and they sent dozens of criminals to the penitentiary. And against some forms of popular law breaking—gambling, for example—the rangers were the most potent force. In counties where they were on duty there was no gambling, and disreputable resorts outside the towns were not permitted to flourish.

The report of the grand jury of Pinal county is interesting reading at this time—especially the paragraphs here reprinted:

"We regret to say, however, that the time usually at the disposal of the grand jury and our general unfamiliarity with the various systems of accounts used in the various county offices is so limited that our investigations along these lines are of little practical benefit to the taxpayers and citizens of this county. Because of this condition of affairs and for the reason that these matters can be more carefully and successfully handled by an official whose special duty it would be to inquire into such matters and who would be fully competent to make examinations into the financial conduct and transactions with respect to the funds of the county, it is the sense of this grand jury that the representatives of Pinal county in succeeding legislatures should use their best efforts for the creation of such an office."

"It has come to our notice that public gambling in the towns of Florence, Kelvin, Ray and Mammoth, all situated in Pinal county, is conducted. We have examined into these violations of law and find that such is a fact; that public gambling is being conducted in the above mentioned towns. In Ray, Kelvin and Mammoth gambling is conducted openly, with money and other considerations of value in full view of the public in the various saloons of these towns and without any remonstrance or action on the part of the local or county officials."

And, as our readers will recall, the report set forth that infamously disreputable houses are found on the public highways of the county.

If it had happened that the grand jurors making this report were republicans, we probably should have heard the feeble excuse that it was made from partisan motives. But a majority of the Pinal grand jurors are democrats, we understand. If grand jurors in other counties are equally conscientious, the courts will be apprised of conditions elsewhere quite similar to those in Pinal.

But until we can have another legislature, the men who achieved this

repealing legislation—they and their criminal friends—will have the best of the situation.

## The Passing of Menelik.

Dispatches announcing the imminent death of Menelik, king of Abyssinia, have turned the attention of the world to its greatest black man. This old warrior and statesman, ruling with autocratic power over Africa's last really independent country, has successfully opposed the encroachments of European powers, and has raised Abyssinia to a position of considerable importance in the ranks of nations.

On March 1, 1896, old Menelik at the head of his warriors defeated and practically annihilated an Italian army of 10,000 men under General Baratieri, in the battle of Adowa. That battle not only opened the eyes of Europe to the fighting qualities of the Abyssinians, but it put a quietus on Italy's ambitions to extend its "sphere of influence" over Menelik's kingdom. Likewise, the other European nations suddenly concluded that Abyssinia was a good country to let alone.

The Abyssinians cannot, of course, be classed with the other black races of Africa, and it is to their admixture of white blood that their fighting qualities, their shrewdness in trade, their independence of spirit, and their comparative civilization must be attributed. They proudly claim relationship with the Jewish race, and King Menelik traces his ancestry to Menelik, son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, who, as queen of Abyssinia, visited Jerusalem, and, as the Bible sets forth, there won the heart of Israel's wisest man. The location of Abyssinia between the Nile and the Red sea, led in biblical times to the commingling of Hamites and Semites and negroes from the south, with the present hybrid race as the result—Abyssinia being the Ethiopia of the Bible. The national religion is a perverted Christianity, introduced into the country in the fourth century. One tribe, however, professes Judaism, and another is Mohammedan.

Following Menelik's death, the future of Abyssinia will be problematical. After the disastrous battle of Adowa, Italy, which previously had claimed a protectorate over the country, made a treaty with Menelik and fully acknowledged the independence of his country. In 1898 Great Britain, which also had learned to respect Abyssinia, ceded to Menelik 8,000 square miles of territory which had been in dispute. But treaties are respected only so long as the parties thereto can protect their rights; and as Menelik, according to the dispatches, has named his young grandson as his successor, we may look for a scramble among the European powers to get, first, the confidence of the young ruler, and thereafter acquire political control.

Abyssinia is well worth the attention of the land hungry nations of the old world. Lying in northeast Africa, at an average altitude of 5,000 feet above the sea, having an area of some 150,000 square miles—being one-third larger than Arizona—a population of 3,500,000, and possessing agricultural and mineral resources of great importance, it will be lucky, indeed, if it can continue to fight off foreign encroachments. The fact that its boundary lines are vaguely defined, and that British and Italian territory lie on two sides of it, will furnish abundant opportunity for future quarrels.

## VISITING ENGINEERS

### RETURN FROM DAM

Arthur P. Davis Will Spend Today in the Valley—Mr. Freeman left This Morning.

Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer of the reclamation service, John R. Freeman, a celebrated hydraulic engineer of Providence, and L. C. Hill, supervising engineer of the reclamation service, returned last evening from Roosevelt, having left Tempe for the dam site Sunday morning. Mr. Davis is making an official inspection of the project in the west, this being his first visit here since a year ago last February, when the dam was still in a very "rudimentary" phase of its development. He came to the valley from Yuma where he looked over the Laguna project. He will spend today in an inspection of the distributing system and leave this evening for the south.

Mr. Freeman holds numerous important positions of a professional nature, one of them for instance being that of consulting engineer for the water board of New York city. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Davis were both members of the board of engineers that accompanied President-elect Taft on his expedition to Panama last January and February to look over the Gatun dam and other constructions. Mr. Freeman had been traveling through the west solely to look over the large construction works, and especially those of the government. He has urgent engagements in the east and left on this morning's Diamond Jo.

In fact he was in a hurry to get back east after finishing the Yuma inspection he planned to go directly from there. Mr. Davis told him it was out of the question, he had to go to Roosevelt, and to fix it so he would lose as

little time as possible he and Mr. Hill met them at Tempe Sunday morning with his automobile. Mr. Freeman last night told Mr. Davis that if he had permitted him to go back east without seeing the Roosevelt dam, and he had ever found out what he had missed, he would never have forgiven him. He expressed himself as delighted with what he had seen both of this and the Yuma projects. The dam he said is a fine construction and the importance of the project can hardly be appreciated. The scenery through which the Roosevelt road runs, at least a large part of it, Mr. Freeman said was equal to that of the Alps.

Mr. Davis was asked for an expression concerning the progress of events but said he really had nothing to say. Things are moving along nicely there isn't much to talk about. The big dam will be "commissioned" in a very few months and will begin to show its own importance better than anybody can tell. Asked about the tunnel he said the work is all completed. They are only waiting a few days for the cement to dry when the gate will be opened and it is hoped very soon thereafter the laying of masonry will begin on the lower part of the dam.

Mr. Davis said he always liked to come here whether he had anything to talk about or not as he has many friends here that he likes to meet and he always takes a great interest in the prosperity of the valley.

## THE STOCK MARKET

### LACKED INTEREST

Better Condition of Money Contributed to Better Prices.

New York, Nov. 1.—Operations in stocks today were exceedingly desultory in character and interest in the market was languid. The money markets proper sent encouraging news from abroad and this was the prime factor of an early rise in prices of stocks here. Reports of large copper sales in the last few days were made, but the copper deals did not hold well and sagged with the receipt of quotations from London, showing a decline in prices. Bonds were irregular. The total sales were \$3,393,000. United States 2's declined 1/4 per cent.

**STOCKS.**  
New York, Nov. 1.—Amalgamated Copper 85 1/2, American Smelting 97 1/2, Santa Fe 124 1/2, St. Paul 157 1/2, New York Central 136, Pennsylvania 148 1/2, Reading 162 1/2, Southern Pacific 129 1/2, Union Pacific 201 1/2, U. S. Steel 6 1/2, pf'd 128 1/2.

**METALS.**  
New York, Nov. 1.—Standard copper was quiet and firm, spot, November and December closing at \$12.50@12.75, January \$12.60@12.90, February \$12.75@13.00, lake copper \$12.87 1/2@13.00, electrolytic \$12.50@12.75, casting at \$12.37 1/2@12.62 1/2.

Tin was steady with the sale of five tons for December delivery at \$30.60. In the New York metal market spot and November closed at \$30.50@30.75, December at \$30.60@30.85, January at \$30.65@30.90, February \$30.70@31.00. Lead was quiet, with spot at \$4.25@4.40 for New York, \$4.20@4.27 1/2 for East St. Louis.

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## TRACHOMA QUESTION BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

Also the Practice of "Shooting Up" the Outskirts.

The board of supervisors began the regular monthly session yesterday. The day was given generally to routine business, other matters going over for the day. There was a communication from the Phoenix school board relating to trachoma in the schools. It was stated that several children whose parents were too poor to pay for examination by a physician had been sent to the county physician and that he had stated that some of the cases were not trachoma. The communication requested the board, in view of the seriousness of the matter, to order an investigation. This matter will probably be taken up today.

Another subject came before the board rather informally, but no doubt

vigorous action will be taken. Persons residing in the outskirts of the city and those along the more populous country roads have been for a long time greatly annoyed by the practice of hare-brained young men who leaving the city discharge firearms and pierce the air with rigid yells.

A few nights ago members of a family who had bought a small home east of the city were asleep in a tent at the roadside and were awakened by the shooting and yelling. They had lately come from the east, and when they heard the uproar they broke out of the tent, and running to the nearest neighbor awoke him and asked if the Indians had broken out.

It was the sentiment of the board that this practice should be discouraged. Phoenix and its vicinity have become too staid for this sort of pleasure, which was well enough in the old days. Measures will be taken to capture a few of these ill-bred hyenas and bring them before a justice of the peace, where they will learn more in a minute than they would otherwise likely pick up in a lifetime.

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